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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 13-20, line 14,  
with the following paragraph:

This kind of handling is very disadvantageous and  
~~uncomfortable~~ inconvenient. First, each location - even a  
simple shelf serving as an even support surface - has to be  
equipped with multitudes of support pins. Furthermore, any of  
such locations are very restricted with view to possible FOUP  
positions thereon. Depending on geometry of the FOUPs and/or  
the storage locations, continuously variable FOUP storage  
positions may be desirable.